

## THE ACTUAL ABUSES

That Exist in the Present Grand Jury System of Solidering.

## AN OFFICIAL ON THE JUDGE'S ACT.

He and Judge Fetterman Think the Junketing Job an Unqualified Evil.

## WHY NOT FIND 40 OR 50 BILLS A DAY

The sudden discharge of the grand jury by Judge Collier was commented on variously yesterday, but, by a large majority of the rank and file of the people, and many officials also, favorably to the Judge. A specimen was given by a public man, who said:

"You must not use my name, as I cannot afford to quarrel with some of the people interested on the one side. In the first place, the grand jury is an institution which the people would not like to have abolished, for it is a useful one, if properly managed, but, of late years, every one who knows anything about it knows that the grand jury has become a mere junketing job, and that it costs money, and in the prosecution thereof they necessarily fall under obligations to politicians. It may be said that candidates have no business to allow politicians to get a pull on them, but we must look at the state of affairs as we find it.

"There should be some other method of selecting jurors, and Judge Collier's action will stimulate and expedite it. If the Commissioners were appointed by the Court, the Judge's sense of responsibility would be almost entirely removed, and results, and then the Commissioners would be responsible to the Court. The improvement would come at once. Were it not that it might be held by the public that the spirit of our institutions I would suggest that the grand jury should be drawn separately from the petit jury and only men worth \$10,000, or some other amount, be allowed to serve. Of course, such a plan would make a deafening howl of rage, and would really discriminate against many worthy poor men; but it would at least keep humblers out.

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## UNSAFE OVER A TUNNEL.

The Wylie Avenue Colored Church offered to the Central Traction Company a Power House to be built there.

The trustees of the old colored church on Wylie avenue, near Tunnel street, have offered the sale of the church property and grounds to the Central Traction Railway Company. The price asked is \$30,000. The officials of the company now have the offer under consideration.

If the company purchases the property they will raise the church and erect a magnificent power house on the site. It is very probable that the power house will be located at this point, or else on some lot between Tunnel and High streets. It will be necessary to have two power houses on the line; one at the foot of the hill, near Tunnel street, to run the cars from there to Market street at a slower rate of speed than that of Tunnel street, and the other house will probably be the stables now owned by the company on a large tract of land, bounded by Herron avenue, Thirty-third and Madison streets, and as they have plenty of ground there, they will probably build the largest power house on this site.

The only objection to the purchase of the church property is that it stands right over the Panhandle tunnel, and has always been considered very unsafe. Owing to the passage of heavy trains in the tunnel, the foundations in some of the oldest houses over it have become loosened, causing the walls to crack and settle. Particularly was this the case with the house owned by George Glantz at the northeast corner of Tunnel street.

If the power house is erected on the site of the church, the heavy cable machinery will necessitate the setting of extra foundation walls.

The question whether the cable cars will be run out Wylie avenue, instead of Center avenue, has not yet been decided. It is thought that it will be necessary to secure permission from Councils to allow the laying of tracks on Wylie avenue, if the latter is decided upon. The work of construction of the line will be started early in the spring.

## WHY THEY RECOMMEND IT.

Finance Committee Reasons to Make Allegheny Second Class.

The report of the Finance Committee on the subject of a new charter for Allegheny was submitted to the Councils last night. It is a strong argument in favor of making the city second class. Messrs. Shiras and Watson were consulted, but they agreed with the opinion of the City Solicitor.

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For the accommodation of the public, Branch Offices have been established at the following places, where Want, For Sale, To Let, and other transient advertisements will be received up to 9 P. M. for insertion next morning.

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